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**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE
Minutes
October 20, 2011**

The Credentials Committee met on Thursday, October 20, 2011 at 11:00 am at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jane Piness, MD, Chair
Jane Maddux
J. Randolph Clements, DPM

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director
Ola Powers, Deputy Executive Director, Licensing
Kelley Wynne, APD

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Piness called the meeting to order.

Let it be noted for the record that Ms. Powers announced the Emergency Evacuation Instructions prior to proceeding with the informal conference.

INFORMAL CONFERENCE

Dennis Arthur Blanchette, MD

Dennis Arthur Blanchette, MD, appeared before the Committee to respond to its inquiry regarding the possible refusal to issue a license to practice medicine pursuant to Virginia Code Sections 54.1-2915 A (1), (4) and (18). Upon conclusion of the open session with Dr. Blanchette, Dr. Piness entertained a motion for executive session. Ms. Maddux moved to convene a closed meeting pursuant to section 2.2-3711 A. (28) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Dr. Blanchette. Additionally, she moved that, William Harp, MD, Ola Powers and Kelly Wynne, attend the closed meeting as their presence would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried. Upon motion made, seconded and carried, the Committee returned to open session following the procedure for certification of an executive meeting pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3712.

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Dr. Clements moved to grant a full and unrestricted license to Dr. Dennis Arthur Blanchette. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Jane Piness, MD, Chair

William L. Harp, M.D.
Executive Director

Ola Powers
Deputy Executive Director, Licensing